THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A studio centre is at present functioning at Hyderabad in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Two studio centre projects, one each at Vijaywada and Warangal, are at present under implementation in Andhra Pradesh and are likely to be completed during 1998 & 1999 respectively. In addition, a studio centre is also envisaged to be set up at Vizag subject to approval of the scheme by the competent authority, availability of resources and inter-se priorities. The normal lead time for implementation of a project of this magnitude is about 3-4 years from the start of civil works at the site.

(e) Does not arise.

बांका जिला, बिहार में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र की स्थापना किया जाना

3301. **श्री जर्नादन यादव:** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार बिहार में बांका जिले में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एस॰ जयपाल रेड्डी): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) संसाधनों को उपलब्धता तथा पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं पर निर्भर करते हुए प्रारम्भ में राज्यों को राजधानियों और सांस्कृतिक पृष्ठभूमि वाले देश के प्रमुख शहरों में दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों/स्टूडियो केन्द्रों को चरणबद्ध ढंग से स्थापित किया जा रहा है। बिहार राज्य में पटना, रांची, मुजफ्फरपुर तथा डाल्टनगंज में यह सुविधा पहले से ही उपलब्ध है।

Telecast of Doordershan and Metro Channel programmes in country

3302. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Doordarshan channels and Metro channel programmes are being telecast in each district of country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, names of such districts together with steps to be taken to provide the facility including time schedule drawn up in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The satellite derived services of Doordarshan, including the Metro channel service, are already available throughout the country by using appropriate dish antennae system. Terrestrially, the National network (DD-I) is telecast in 68% of the area of the country enabling 86% of the population of our country to receive it. Since telecast of programmes through various transmitters of varying capacity transcends district borders, the information is not maintained on district basis. It is maintained on the basis of location of Transmitters and Doordarshan has currently 908 transmitters/transposers located in various parts of the country. It is the endeavour of the Government to cover at least 90% of the population and 75% of the area of the country by the end of IX plan.

LPT and HPT in Orissa

3303. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high power and low power TV transmitters separetely installed in Orissa during each of the last three years;

(b) the area and population covered by these transmitters in the state;